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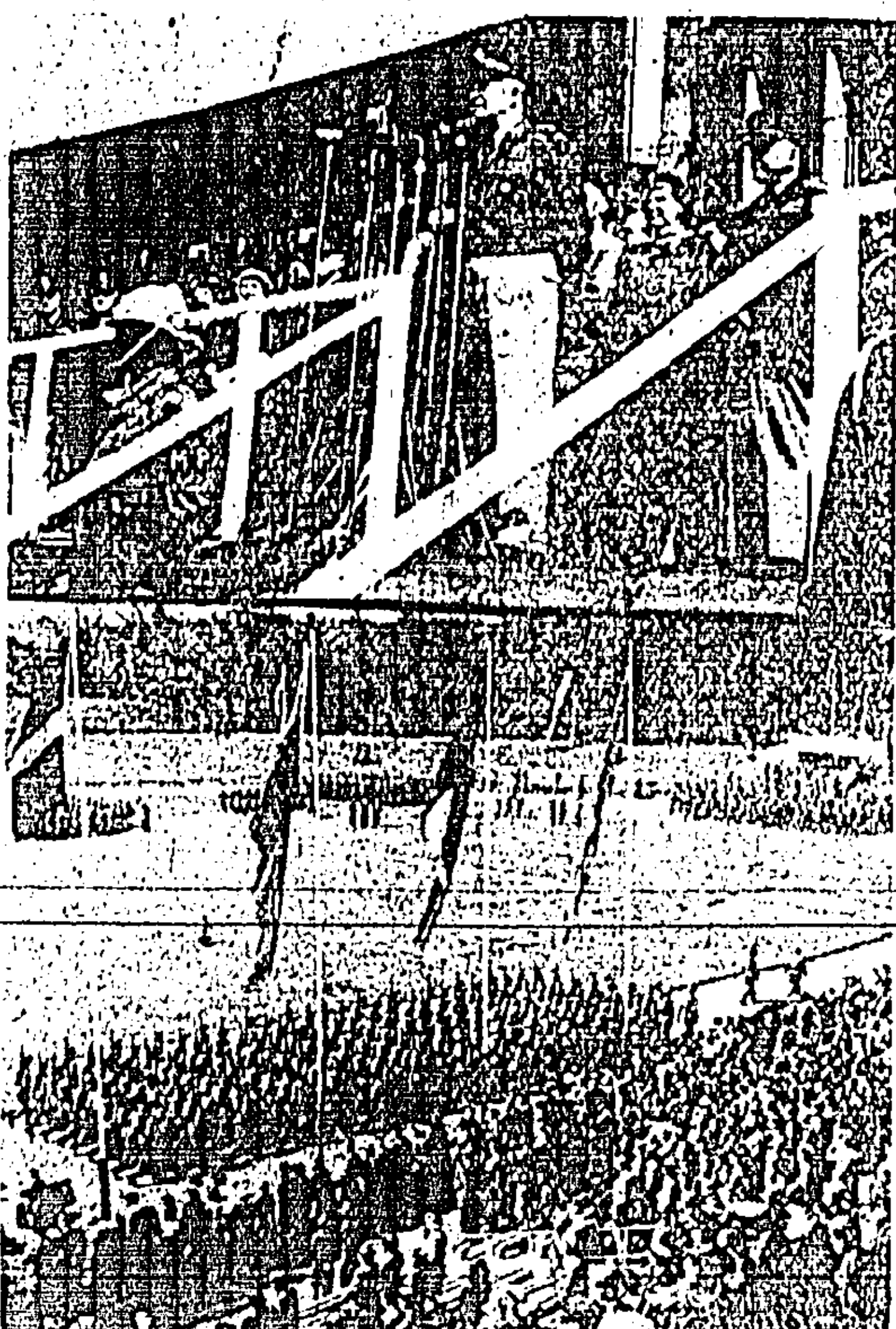
COMMENT OF THE DAY

Safety First

A steady improvement in traffic accident figures for the Colony has been shown for some time past, yet it is conceivable that the incidence might be still further reduced if the Traffic Department were to borrow an idea now being exploited by the Singapore Police. They have issued a booklet of cartoons with suitable captions designed to seize the imagination of the public and to encourage everybody to display more care in using the highways. "Streets of chaos, misery and death," declares the booklet, are caused by: taxis scrambling for passengers; the careless pedestrian and lack of adult control of children; the cyclist weaving in and out of traffic; the speeding motorist to whom every rule and regulation is a challenge; the motor cyclist and the "L" plate rider with forbidden passenger, speeding; the bus driver who hugs the centre of the road and cuts in and out at bus stops; the lorry driver who ignores the traffic rules and every other rule of the road.

All of these misdeeds committed daily in some or other part of Hongkong and it is not inappropriate to draw them to the attention of our motorists, pedestrians, parents, cyclists, bus drivers, motor cyclists, chauffeurs, taximen and truck drivers. One of the more dangerous features of risky driving is the manner in which taxi jockey for positions in traffic-crowded thoroughfares. Too many drivers of public vehicles like to "show off" in their enthusiasm for getting passengers to their destination in the quickest possible time. The Police might profitably take a little more interest in these road hogs. Primarily needed in more thoughtfulness on the part of everybody using the Colony's streets, and if this is not voluntarily forthcoming, it is up to the Authorities to take the necessary steps to drill good behaviour into the heads of the public.

Ike Says Farewell



(Top) General Eisenhower makes his farewell speech when visiting American troops at Frankfurt, Germany, prior to giving up his post as Allied Chief in Europe, and (below) the troops march past in Frankfurt Stadium. — London Express.

H.K. Faces Future With Confidence Says H.E.

Message To B.I.F. Gathering

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 15. An assurance that Hongkong "faces the future with confidence in its ability to play its part as a distributor of Commonwealth goods and as a manufacturing centre of growing importance," was given yesterday by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, in a message to the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thorneycroft.

The message was received at a special luncheon given to celebrate Commonwealth Trade Day at the British Industries Fair.

Sir Alexander said that Hongkong participation in the Commonwealth section of the

Fair began in 1948. With each succeeding year it has served to bring an increasing number of Hongkong businessmen into direct contact with the United Kingdom and Commonwealth manufacturers and merchants.

"Better mutual understanding leads to increased trade and prosperity," the message continued, "and I am confident that Commonwealth Trade Day will create greater awareness of the contribution each and every member can make towards the economic recovery of the Commonwealth as a whole."

The luncheon was attended on behalf of Hongkong by Mr Harry Owen-Hughes, the leader of the official B.I.F. delegation, Mr S. H. Yang, of Pao Hsing Cotton Mills Limited and Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, the director of the Hongkong Government Office.

Other guests included the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Henry Hopkinson, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, the Lady Mayors of London, Commonwealth High Commissioners and colonial officials.

Earlier, Lord Salisbury, Mr Lyttelton and Mr Thorneycroft had visited the Commonwealth Section of the B.I.F. and spent some time on the Hongkong stand.

Big Mail Train Robbery

London, May 14. Scotland Yard detectives today helped railway police in enquiries into the theft of 11,000 £1 notes in 14 registered letters in a Worthing mail bag left open in the Brighton to London Bridge train, which made 17 stops on the journey.

This was the biggest mail robbery in two years. — Reuter.

Big Three Reply To Russia

Raises Misgivings

FOUR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, May 15. The Notes simultaneously delivered by the Big Three in Moscow are regarded by diplomats in London with the mixture of fear and hope that a gambler feels when he has put too much money on one number.

The three Notes sent to the Kremlin on the subject of Germany are identical. It has taken much argumentation between Washington, London and Paris to reach this identity.

This time it was British caution that was pushed by American boldness into transmitting a substantially affirmative answer to Moscow's demands for a unified Germany.

Today the British Foreign Office, seeping reports of the Notes in print, feels itself dangerously near the edge of precipitous and alarming negotiation. The replies sent to Moscow leave it just possible that the Russian Government will accept the major Allied request and lead to negotiations towards a sequence of great events in the next year that might run as follows:

1. A Commission of Inquiry in all four Zones of Germany would be formed.
2. Recommendations for free elections in all Germany west of the Oder-Neisse Line would follow. These would probably return a German Socialist Government that would not accept the present plans for a European Army.
3. Negotiation of a peace treaty with Germany.

Emergence of a free and sovereign Germany. She would be able to arm herself and be able to ally herself with any bloc.

The present political ground plan of Europe would be changed out of all recognition.

Next week the Foreign Ministers (Mr Anthony Eden, Mr Dean Acheson and Mr Schuman) of the Big Three will get together to discuss how to play their cards in the toughest gambling game that the Russians have proposed since the war.

The Policy Planning Division of the State Department (probably encouraged by Mr George Kennan, its bold-thinking former Chief, who is now the US Ambassador in Moscow) has decided that the risks are worth taking. If Germany can be bluffed into relaxing her grip on twenty million Germans in the Russian Zone then the gain to the free world would be great. It is even worth promising and permitting a "neutral" Germany unaligned to the Atlantic Powers.

THREE WARNINGS

But cautious British diplomats are writing three big warnings across the brief that Mr Anthony Eden will take to next week's campaign planning talks.

They are: (1) Don't throw away the plans for a West German Army before the Russians give some definite freedom to their iron-curtained East Germany. (2) Don't let Germany become another country like Austria waiting forever for a peace treaty that is subject to a Soviet veto. Negotiations for the Austrian Treaty began six years ago. Meanwhile Austria has no army, is subject to Soviet threats, Soviet police, Soviet requisitions and Soviet reparations.

It would suit Russia to have all Germany powerless like that—instead of facing a West German Government that grows stronger every week.

The third warning given by Mr Eden by his adviser is that the Russians must not be allowed to double-cross all Germany into their camp. They will promise the Germans unity and their lands that were taken over by Poland and they may offer the Germans the prospect of the conquest of wealth and power once more.

As seen from London, the line for Allied diplomacy should be to insist on the freedom, first, of the Eastern Zone of Germany. The Times points out today that serious negotiation with the Russians is only possible if the Western Allies are prepared to

allow a United Germany to be free and not insist on her remaining within the European Defence Community. The Russians will not negotiate seriously for less.

The question is still being asked in London whether the Western Allies should run the risks of this "serious negotiation," but the Notes just delivered indicate that Dean Acheson and Anthony Eden are sincerely willing to explore with the Russians an entirely new pattern for peace in Europe.

COMMONS DEBATE

London, May 14. The Government should seize every opportunity to discuss the European situation with Russia, declared Mr Clement Attlee, the leader of the Labour Opposition in the House of Commons today after Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, had opened a debate on European affairs.

Mr Attlee said it might be that the Russian approach was a manoeuvre merely to delay the building up of Western strength. But it might be that the Russians were beginning to realise that the West's own strength was growing and that the progress of Communism was not very great in free countries.

Mr Attlee said he sometimes thought that some of the Soviet people imagined that the West was trying to set up an armed Germany as an offset to an armed USSR.

"That would be a terribly dangerous and risky experiment to make and would not make for the peace of Europe," he said.

The European Defence Community, in his view, was the way to integrate the German contribution to Western defence without raising the danger of a German army.

Mr Attlee added, "We feel it is essential that the forces of the Western democratic powers should be strong before you get anything in the way of German units and especially if you were to consider a larger contingent."

NOT VERY STRONG

The forces in the West were not yet very strong. That was why the Labour Party's National Executive stressed that point in a recent resolution because it understood that there was a great lack of equipment for the French units in training.

Mr Attlee said that he was not suggesting that they should insist on West German elections. But unless they got the mass of the German people expressing their opinion and joining the European Defence Community willingly, they would not have a strong force.

"I am concerned that we should not have Germany coming into this, and then the whole thing be overturned," he said.

Earlier, Mr Eden had said that in the European defence force very great care had been taken to see that national contributions were so balanced that no one member could dominate (Contd. on Back Page Col. 3).

Novel Tax Concession Is Advocated

Hastings, May 14.

The cost of an occasional night out with the wife — complete with supper, movie and baby sitter — should be deducted from a family man's income tax, a woman Liberal Party leader suggested today.

Such a tax allowance, said Miss Nancy Seether, might be called "maintenance of family goodwill."

Addressing the Women's Liberal Party Federation Conference here, Miss Seether said a little extra entertainment might prevent the breakup of many poorer families.

"Even the most devoted wife and mother will eventually feel she has seen too much of their own house," she added. — Associated Press.

West Point Fire

Damage Estimated At \$30 Million

A Fire Brigade official this morning estimated that the damage caused by last night's fire at West Point would be in the region of \$30 million.

Although the flames have been subdued, firemen continued this morning to pour water on the heavily smoking ruins. They said that not all danger of a further outbreak had yet been removed.

Because of the dense smoking still pouring from the devastated godown Fire Brigade officials are as yet unable to investigate the origin of the blaze.

Meanwhile the Police this morning released through the Public Relations Office the following appeal:

"Will any person who can give information on last night's fire at the Liu Chong Savings Bank's godown on Queen's Road, West, or has any goods stored at this godown please contact the CID, Western Police Station, telephone 39371."

FIRE ON SHIP

While most of the fire appliances on the island were still fighting last night's blaze at West Point this morning, a fire broke out about 9.30 on the ss Batavia, a Shell Company oil tanker moored alongside the wharf at Talkoo Dock.

The tanker is at Talkoo undergoing repairs, and the fire was caused when some waste material caught alight.

At first it was feared the outbreak might be serious and four fire appliances were despatched to Talkoo as well as a naval fire float.

However the flames were rapidly brought under control and very little damage was caused by the fire.

Tunis Bomb Explosion

Tunis, May 14.

A bomb exploded today in the office of the director of the car licences service at the Tunis Department of Works, seriously injuring the director, M. Lemarie, and his secretary, and slightly injuring several other persons.

It was described as a fairly powerful explosive charge, similar to that which killed five people in the Tunis main post office on Tuesday.

The belief strengthened in Tunis tonight that the Resident General Jean de Hautecloque, and General Pierre Garbay, commanding French forces in Tunisia, at their meeting with the Boy today requested him to sign a decree imposing martial law in the prefecture.

At the Residency no confirmation could be obtained of this report but it was considered that the present series of bomb outrages bears the stamp of organised terrorism being directed against public offices, where large numbers of people assemble.

If martial law replaced the present state of siege the military courts now empowered to try suspected persons would be given additional powers of immediate trial and summary execution of sentences.

Persons arrested for terrorist actions could be tried and sentenced by military courts within a few hours after their arrest and the sentence carried out without delay. — Reuter.

US Steel Workers Threaten To Strike

Philadelphia, May 14. The Steelworkers' Union today unanimously agreed to close the nation's steel mills in a new strike if managements do not grant promptly a satisfactory wage increase.

The 2,500 delegates to the Union convention rose and shouted approval of a resolution which demanded that "the crisis in the steel industry must be promptly resolved."

The convention turned into a demonstration with delegates swarming over the speakers' platform, shaking the hand of Mr Philip Murray, President of the Union, yelling, shouting, tossing confetti and shooting off firecrackers.

The big convention hall was in turmoil for 10 minutes after Mr Murray had asked the delegates to rise in support of the resolution.

The resolution said, "We cannot and will not continue indefinitely to work in 1952 for 1950 wages and working conditions."

"We cannot and will not continue indefinitely to work without satisfactory collective bargaining contracts."

"CAUSE IS JUST"

"We re-emphasize the position we expressed at our special convention in January."

"We reaffirm our determination to achieve our goal. Our cause is just. We ask only that which is our due. We ask for no more. We will take no less."

Earlier, the delegates to the Philadelphia meeting had heard Mr Maurice Tobin, United States Secretary of Labour, declare that the only way to settle the dispute was through the Wage Stabilisation Board's recommendations, which the steel companies have refused to accept.

The Wage Stabilisation Board, made up of union, industry and public members, recommended that workers should be given a 17 1/2 cents an hour increase and other benefits.

The industry members of the Board were overruled.

The United States Supreme Court yesterday concluded hearings on the legality of President Truman's seizure of the steel mills to prevent a strike of 650,000 workers.

It is not known when the court will hand down a decision. — Reuter.

Man Strangles Tiger

Madras, May 14.

A 55-year-old shepherd wrestled for 10 minutes with a five and a half foot tiger before strangling it.

The shepherd found the tiger attacking his sheep on the outskirts of a village here.

The shepherd was taken to hospital with serious injuries. — Reuter.

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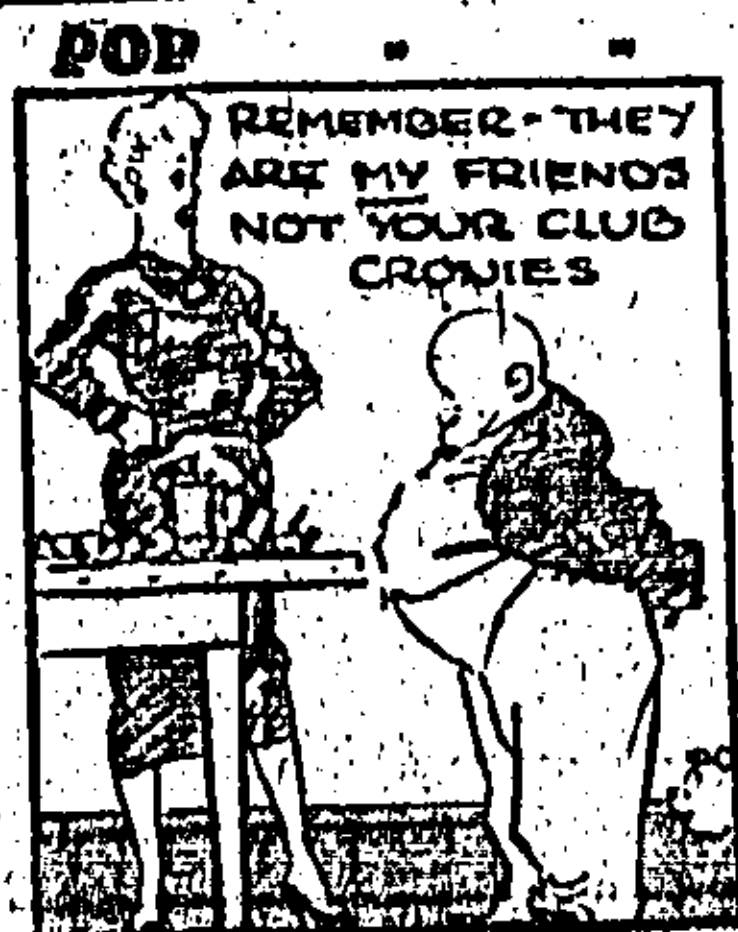
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BIG DIPLOMATIC TANGLE

Differences Between Commonwealth And Japan



Romano and Anna Mussolini, children of the notorious Il Duce, act as Godparents at the confirmation of their young friends Adano and Piera Farfarelli in Rome. (Express Service).

Senator Taft Gains Votes In West Virginia

New York, May 14. Senator Robert A. Taft led General Dwight Eisenhower today by 14 to one in their contest for West Virginia's 16 delegates to the Republican presidential nominating convention.

In popularity votes, Mr Taft had a better than three to one victory over Mr Harold Stassen.

High Bids For Cezanne Paintings

Paris, May 14. A middle-aged woman with a white hat and a jaunty yellow flower paid 33,000,000 francs (\$554,281) today for Paul Cezanne's memorable "Apples And Cookies" in the largest art auction held this century in France.

Mrs Jean Walker, wife of the owner of the richest lead mines in Morocco, out-bid more than 500 collectors as the famed collection of Gabriel Cognac came under the gavel.

As more than 4,000 persons jammed into the Charpentier Gallery held their breath, Madame Walker out-bid all rivals for the still life which ranks among Cezanne's best.

Cezanne's "Countryside, Trees And Houses" also drew the second best price of the day with a US\$57,140 bid.

It took less than two hours to sell 63 paintings, watercolours and six sculptures, in the magnificent collection.

United Press.

Some Other Fellow

St Catharines, Ontario, May 14. Winston Churchill, was fined \$118 in a Magistrate's court today after pleading guilty to a charge of driving while drunk.

Churchill, whose home is in Toronto, paid the fine in cash.

The Magistrate, Mr. John Street, made no comment on the name of the defendant.

United Press.

This brought the national totals (excluding the still incomplete tally to Senator Taft 349 delegates and General Eisenhower 302. — Reuter.

Cost Of Military Use Of Japanese Facilities Disputed

Tokyo, May 14. The status of the British Commonwealth forces in Japan appeared as a first-class diplomatic tangle here today.

Conflicting official reports said both there existed and there did not exist an agreement covering British Commonwealth forces using Japan as a base for Korean operations.

A United Nations spokesman said: "There is no agreement yet."

A spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office said: "There is a mutual agreement operating."

Reuter learned from official diplomatic sources that British Commonwealth countries were holding out for an agreement with Japan to the effect that Japan should continue, for at least 90 days from the Japanese independence, to pay the Commonwealth costs.

The Japanese, it was reported from the same sources, maintained that funds were exhausted and now the British Commonwealth countries must pay their own expenses here.

Only American troops could benefit from Japanese financing.

Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki stated in a House committee today that it was "only reasonable" that Britain and Australia should share their privileges now that Japan was independent.

Japan, he added, because she was contributing to Japan's security.

BRITISH POSITION

Japanese sources said the British Commonwealth wanted Japan to continue paying the costs of their forces' use of Japanese facilities averaging to about 2,200,000 monthly.

Caught in the middle of the diplomatic tangle was the New Zealand Legation.

Three New Zealand soldiers had been apprehended and held by the Japanese police at Hiroshima in connection with their charges laid by a foreign resident.

This was seen in diplomatic circles as a test of Japan's attitude.

Under British Commonwealth claims, the New Zealand government should have claimed jurisdiction over the New Zealanders.

But, although the Japanese today had released the three soldiers, the New Zealand forces representative refused to say whether or not the men were free.

— Reuter.

AMERICA'S CHALLENGE FOR BLUE RIBAND

New York, May 14. America's challenge to Britain's Cunard liners, the \$1,500-ton liner United States, headed for the Atlantic Ocean today for two days of speed trials.

Her builders hope that the trials will prove her the world's fastest liner.

The ship from her berth at the Newport News, Virginia, Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company and thousands of people watched from the shore as she moved majestically down the James River, through the Hampton Roads into the open Atlantic.

It was the first taste of the sea for the \$72,000,000 vessel, whose top speed is expected to be kept secret.

Constructed largely with Government assistance, the United States is the largest commercial vessel ever built in an American shipyard.

The British liner Queen Mary is at present generally recognized as the world's fastest, holding the record for the Atlantic crossing.

— Reuter.

Coronation Fireworks Display

London, May 14. Coronation fireworks next year will be let off from London's South Bank site where the Dome of Discovery and Saylor stood, if a plan announced today by Mr David Eccles, Minister of Works, is approved.

The Minister, who was touring the site to inspect the progress of dismantling the Festival features, said the London County Council and the Ministry of Works were combining to lay a site out for public pleasure until the time came for a new building to be erected there.

"I have scratched my head to find a better place to let off some fireworks for the Coronation next year," he added. "This is undoubtedly the best site for a fireworks display." — Reuter.

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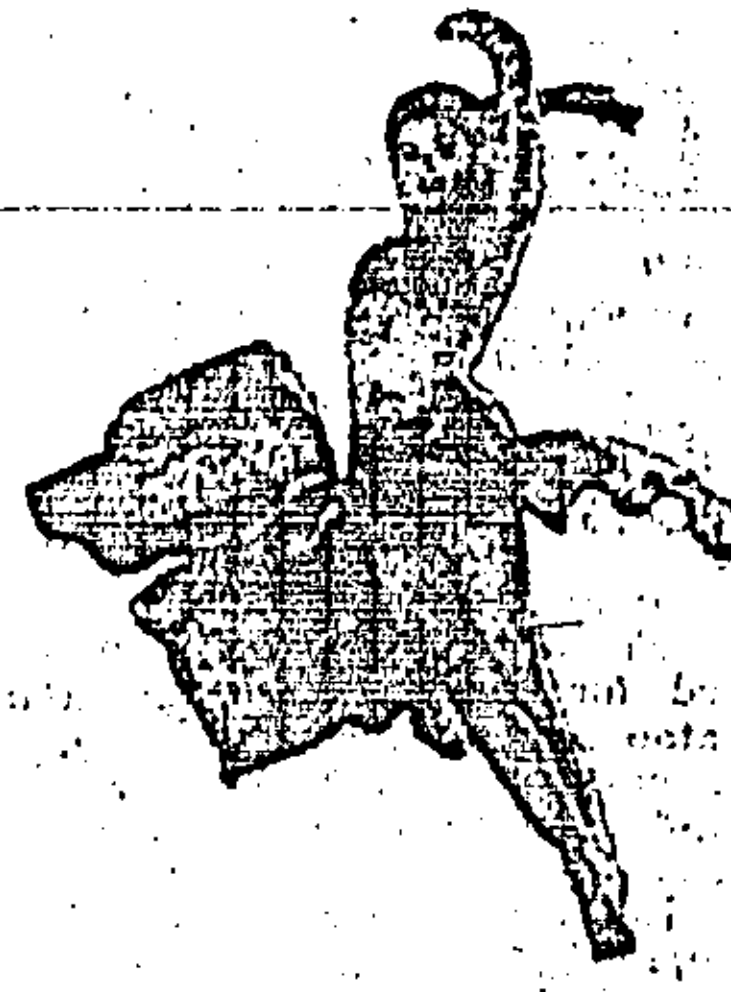
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BIG PARIS GATHERING TO PUT FINAL TOUCHES ON EUROPEAN ARMY TREATY

Paris, May 14.

The French Foreign Ministry announced here tonight that the Foreign Ministers of the six nations taking part in the European Defence Community would meet here on Monday to put the final touches to the European Army Treaty.

Meanwhile, a usually reliable source said in London today that it was now expected that the Treaty and the peace contracts between West Germany and the Western Powers would be signed in about 10 days' time.

This information was supported by similar forecasts made in Paris and Bonn.

Reports from the interested capitals suggested tonight that the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France may have to have a special meeting with the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, before the "peace contracts" with West Germany can be signed.

Indications at present are that the aim is to sign both the peace contracts and the European Defence Community treaty—permitting West Germany to join a future European army—during May 24, 25 and 26.

The American Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, plans to leave Washington for Europe in about 10 days' time.

On May 22 the European Foreign Ministers' assembly at Strasbourg for the Council of Europe meetings.

Discussions on the need for a special meeting with Mr Acheson are now being held in Paris. It is authoritatively understood.

At his weekly Press conference in Washington today, Mr Acheson said that he had

considerable reason to hope that the contracts with West Germany would be signed this month and he hoped to be in Bonn for the ceremony.

His visit to Europe, he said, would almost undoubtedly provide him with an opportunity to meet Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Mr Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister.

Mr Acheson said that he would be concerned also with the protocol to extend the guarantees of the North Atlantic Treaty to the European Defence Community area.

He said he expected that the protocol would be signed in Paris.

Earlier today a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the Foreign Ministers of France, Italy, Western Germany and the three Benelux countries would meet only when the Bonn negotiations on the contractual agreements, replacing the present Occupation Statute, had been completed.

Experts from the six European Defence Community nations initiated the draft European army treaty last Friday.

NOT DECIDED

Among the questions which still remain to be discussed by the Foreign Ministers are Germany's financial contribution to the E.D.C., the length of the treaty and the Saar's participation in the European Army.

Quarters close to the French Foreign Ministry said tonight that it had not been decided yet whether the Foreign Ministers would sign the E.D.C. treaty at their meetings next week. This depended partly on how swiftly the Ministers would be able to iron out the final difficulties and also on the progress made in the Bonn contractual agreement talks, these sources added.

Diplomatic quarters in Paris believe that the Foreign Ministers would hold a further conference, after next week's conference, during which they would formally sign the E.D.C. treaty.

It has been generally taken for granted in Paris that the E.D.C. treaty, authorising German rearmament, would be signed after the signature of the contractual agreements.

Parliamentary quarters said that it was most unlikely that the French National Assembly would ratify the E.D.C. treaty before its summer recess.

The French Parliament has a very heavy agenda during the coming months.—Reuter.

Bandit Taxis To Gaoi

Tokyo, May 14.
A bandit picked the wrong spot recently to attempt the robbery of a Japanese taxi driver by first choking him from behind.
The driver lost control of his vehicle which smashed into a telephone pole, right in front of a street Police box.
Police grabbed the assailant.—Reuter.

JAPAN SETS ACHESON A NEW POSER

Washington, May 14.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, today declined to comment on the Japanese Foreign Minister's assertion that Japan has a right to claim pre-war properties in Korea.

Nor would he confirm reports that the United States had officially notified Japan that Washington considers the Japanese claim not valid.

Other officials, however, gave the following synopsis of the situation as it now stands: The United States formally and officially has taken a hands-off attitude in the affair. However, informal "intimations" have been given the Japanese that the United States considers their claims unjust.

The Korean Ambassador to the United States, Mr Y. C. Yang, has been so informed.

The American view is that Articles 2 and 3 of the Japanese peace treaty support Korean resistance to the Japanese claim, although they admit the possibility of a loophole in Article 4.

The dispute concerns property Japan and her nationals acquired in Korea during their 40-year occupation of that country, which ended with the Japanese surrender.

In 1948 the American Military Government in Korea turned these properties over to the Koreans. The Japanese now claim that this did not eliminate their original property rights.

The State Department's reluctance to make formal presentations to Japan stems from a desire to avoid the appearance of bringing pressure to bear on a newly sovereign government.—United Press.

Shattering Drought In Queensland

Brisbane, May 14.

Drought—the worst in living memory—has wiped out six years' increase in herds in the vast North Australian cattle belt, sharply reducing export prospects.

Greater production of Australian beef from this great cattle-raising area has been affected for years to come and the industry faces the dry winter period with barren pastures and trickling water-courses.

Recent rains approached the area, promising some last-minute reprieve for cattlemen but finally by-passed the parched Northern Territory.

Queensland Agriculture Department officials said that though there had been heavy isolated falls throughout the State, they brought only temporary relief and contributed little to badly needed surface water.

Cattle are reported to have been dying in thousands in the stricken area and cattlemen planned to bore underground for water in a desperate attempt to save valuable breeding herds.—Reuter.

Maniac Starts Border Alarm

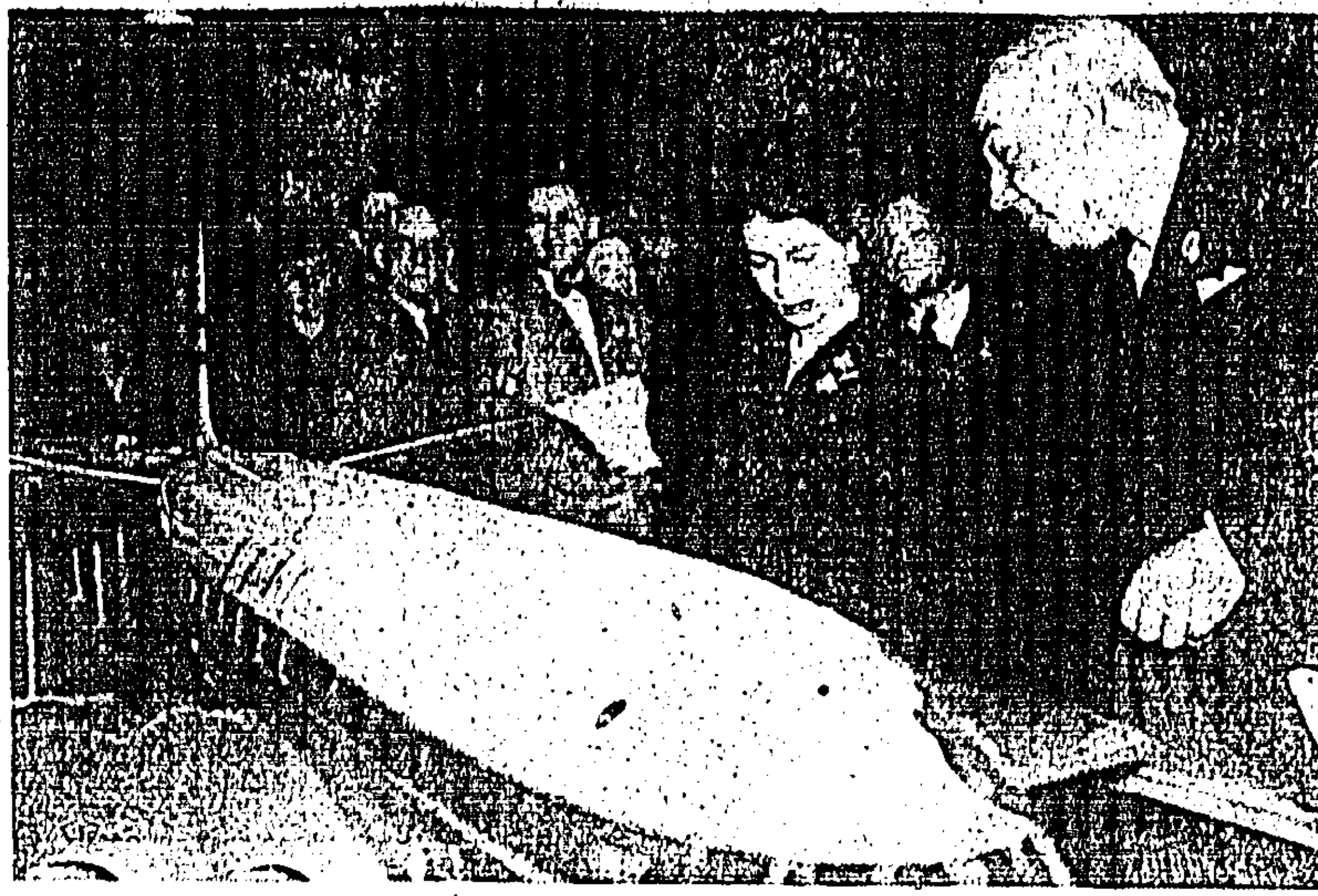
Gilfarn, Saxony, May 14.

Alarm and fear spread through this small town near the East-West German border when a man ran through the streets early in the morning shouting, "The Russians are coming!"

The man knocked on doors and threw pebbles at windows to rouse people from sleep. He said that the Russians were only a few hundred yards from the town.

He was eventually taken to Police headquarters, where he pulled a pistol from a holster hanging there and shot himself. The Police identified him as a 27-year-old man from Hameln, near by, who was suffering from a mental disorder.—Reuter.

Queen Elizabeth At The Fair



Queen Elizabeth accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh visits the British Industries Fair and inspects a model of the jet Comet on the B.O.A.C. Stand. The jet Comet airliner has just completed a return journey from London to Johannesburg at an average speed of 409 m.p.h. (Express Photo).

Russians Lift Six-Day Barrier On Autobahn TENSION PERSISTS OVER ESSEN SHOOTING INCIDENT

Berlin, May 14.
The Russians tonight lifted their six-day ban on Western military patrols on the Berlin-West German autobahn and allowed through a United States military police car.

A United States official said the car, occupied by four military policemen with normal documents, was allowed through at 1730 GMT.

A British patrol car will make an attempt on Thursday morning.

Three Western Allied representatives today drove to Potsdam, 20 miles southwest of Berlin in the Soviet zone, and discussed with officers there the barring of Western military patrols from the autobahn.

A communiqué issued later said: "It is hoped that a clarification of this matter will be forthcoming shortly."

Allied officials would not say who attended the meeting or whether a further protest was made at the six-day-old ban.

In spite of Soviet plinkings and strong East German statements a new blockade of Berlin is not likely, Western Allied and West Berlin officials said here today.

But both fear rioting if tension over the shootings at Essen, the Ruhr, last Sunday does not die down.

East Berlin has called for a mass demonstration in memory of the "victims of West German terror" half a mile from the Western sector borders on Friday.

SEALING THE FRONTIER

A West Berlin official said: "We fear shootings here resulting from border incidents, these would give the Russians an excuse to seal off the city from West Germany for days or weeks."

East Germans arriving here today said, "People's police" units were being moved into the border areas opposite the United States Zone and were sealing off the frontier up to six miles in depth."

East Berlin police slowed down trucks leaving West Berlin for West Germany to almost half the normal rate today.—Reuter.

Foreign Aid Cut Defeated

Washington, May 14.

The Senate Armed Services Committee today defeated by a nine-vote margin—seven to six—an attempt to cut another \$400,000,000 from the \$6,000,000,000 Foreign Aid Bill.

Democrat Senator Harry Byrd announced the vote after a poll of the 13-member Committee.

He said that the Bill would now be returned to the Senate containing the same amount as was recommended by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.—Reuter.

Koje Camp "Stupidity"

Washington, May 14.

Senator Republican leader Styles Bridges denounced two American generals today for "stupidity" in the Koj camp incident and urged the Congress to investigate the entire "disgraceful" affair.

Senator Bridges told the Senate that the capture of Brigadier-General Francis Dodd by Communist prisoners and concessions granted by Brigadier-General Charles Gurnea for his release were "made to order for Communist propaganda."

He said he cannot understand how soldiers who have reached the rank of general could be parties to "stupidity of getting captured" and "granting of the demands."

The New Hampshire Republican said it would be "very appropriate" for the Preparedness Sub-committee to look into this and I hope they do.

Senator Bridges is a member of the Sub-committee.—United Press.

OIL STRIKE CAUSES DRASTIC CUTS IN BIG AIR SERVICES

London, May 14.

As the strike of 90,000 American oil workers went into its third week today, with no signs of an early settlement, world airlines continued to trim and cancel flights as fuel stocks dropped.

The strike has cut off over one-third of America's oil production, with oilfields, pipelines and refineries idle.

With many planes already grounded, the United States Government was reported by Italian Civil Aviation officials to have asked all foreign and American airlines to make a 35 per cent reduction in their services.

The 22 airlines involved are demanding an increase of about 18½ cents an hour and the industry in general has offered 15 cents.

America's Wage Stabilisation Board today had before it for approval six local wage agreements reached in the industry.

The Board hopes that the amount of wage increases that it allows will lead to a settlement.

Mr O. A. Knight, head of the Oilworkers' Union and spokesman for the strikers, said that he questioned whether the strike has resulted in a national emergency. Supplies to Korea and the armed forces are being maintained, he said.

Reuter despatches showed how the world's airlines were being hit.

New York—Pan American Airways announced that it is suspending 22 overseas flights from today. They will include D.C. services between London and Scandinavia via Hamburg, one of three weekly Conquestion services between London, Istanbul and Beirut via Frankfurt and two freight services between London and Frankfurt.

Canberra—The Australian airlines were asked by the Government to cut the consumption of fuel by 35 per cent for 28 days from May 18.

Zurich—Swiss-Air cancelled day flights between London, Zurich and return and reduced the Zurich-Munich flights from five to three weekly. It also cancelled all night flights, with the exception of the London-Zurich and the Zurich-Basel-Amsterdam ones.

Bombay—The Indian Government directed regional controllers at aerodromes to cut aviation fuel by 30 per cent.

The cut will affect foreign planes refuelling at Bombay.

Cairo—Airline companies operating in Egypt were told by aviation petrol distributors that petrol supplies would be cut by 70 per cent. But both British Overseas Airways and Trans-World Airlines officials said "that there is no change in flight operations so far."

The Hague—The Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs today introduced rationing for aviation fuel owing to the influence of the American oil strike.—Reuter.

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Police War Reserve To Be Restored

London, May 14.

The Police War Reserve is to be reformed in London. Letters have been sent to Metropolitan Police pensioners up to the rank of Chief Inspector, asking them to register for what will be known as the Metropolitan Police First Police Reserve.

It is hoped that about 2,000 will volunteer.

Pensioners who are in good health are being asked to volunteer for service on the reserve so that effective reinforcements to the regular establishment would be available immediately if war broke out.

They will be paid a retainer fee of £15 for each year of service on the reserve.

The 1938 war reserve of police pensioners was disbanded about six years ago.—Reuter.

Mountbatten's Ismailia Visit

Ismailia, May 15.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten will leave here by air today (Thursday) for Malta to take over command of the British Mediterranean Fleet from Admiral Sir John Edelson.

He arrived here on Monday for talks with British Army and Air Force chiefs in the Middle East.

Earl Mountbatten told reporters here he had come to the Suez Canal Zone "for a run round before taking up my new appointment."

He said his visit was "exactly parallel" to a previous visit he had made to the Headquarters of Admiral Robert Carr, Allied Commander to Southern Europe.—Reuter.

More than 1,000 British emigrants boarded the 18,000-ton emigrant ship Captain Cook at Glasgow today bound for New Zealand.

While they were being accommodated on the ship, Glasgow police were trying to establish the identity of a young man who tried to board the liner from the quayside last night and was drowned between the ship and the quay.

The man, who had been passing the quay alongside the ship, suddenly leapt towards the emergency door in the ship's side, overbalanced and fell between the ship and the quay.—Reuter.

MALAN ISSUES THREAT

Protectorate's Future

Cape Town, May 14.

Prime Minister Dr Daniel Malan said tonight if the British Government persisted in the attitude they had shown to successive South African Prime Ministers over incorporation of three British Protectorates—Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland—the position might arise where the South African Government would look upon the Protectorates as foreign territories and treat them as such.

Dr Malan, who was speaking in the South African Senate, said it would be premature at this stage to make a statement on what steps the Union Government would take if the British Government persisted in its attitude not to permit the incorporation of the Protectorates.

In a certain sense the Union needed the Protectorates, but the Protectorates were much more dependent on the Union, the Prime Minister declared.

He added that the natives in the Protectorates enjoyed all the privileges which the Union accorded its own natives. In drought and starvation the Union's suffering herself from shortages of maize, gave maize to the Protectorates. The Union was responsible for the security of the Protectorates.

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Chatham Naval Memorial

Chatham, Kent, May 14.

The Chatham Naval Memorial, to be unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh on October 15, is one of three memorials being constructed by the Imperial War Graves Commission at each manning port in commemoration of sailors of the Commonwealth who, in the two world wars, gave their lives and have no grave but the sea.

The other memorials are at Portsmouth and Plymouth.

The Commission is also building naval memorials for the first world war at Liverpool (merchant seamen), with the Royal Navy, Les-an-Solent (Fleet Air Arm) and Lowestoft (Royal Naval Patrol Service).

The Merchant Navy Memorial for the first world war on Tower Hill, London, will be extended to commemorate seamen of the Commonwealth who lost their lives at sea during the last war, it was announced today.—Reuter.

Emigrant Ship Tragedy

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Tower Bridge, London, goes up and the 40-foot Lutine, belonging to Lloyds Yacht Club, and launched this year, is on its way to the United States of America for the New York to Bermuda yacht race. The Lutine is being loaded as deck cargo at King George V Dock for the journey to the States.—(Express photo).

Coaxed Down From Tall Chimney

San Quentin, Cal., May 14.

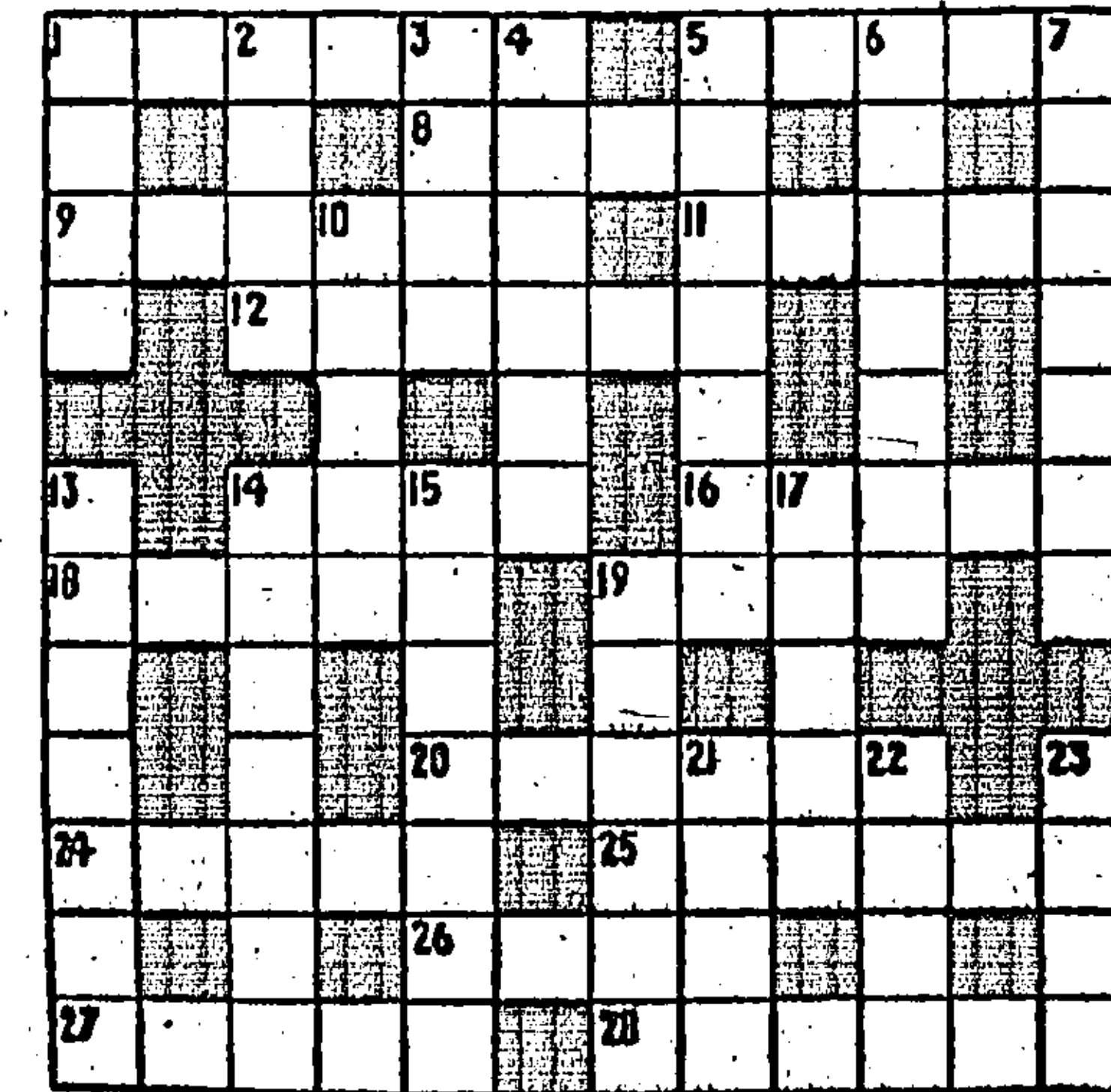
Frederick Zelence, who perched for more than seven hours atop a 135-foot smoke-stack in a one-man protest, was back in the prison's psychiatric ward today.

He was coaxed down last night by the Warden, Harley Teas. It was thought that hunger and a brisk cold wind which came up in the evening had something to do with his capitulation.

Zelence had been under periodic treatment in the ward and does not like it. He wanted a transfer back to Folsom Prison where he would be happier, he said.

He spent the time up on the smoke-stack writing notes asking to be sent back to Folsom and in rolling cigarettes in which he showed considerable skill despite the wind.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Bully (6).
 - 5 Grotesque posture (5).
 - 6 Skin (4).
 - 9 Gateway (6).
 - 11 Implements (5).
 - 12 Swell (6).
 - 14 Heap (4).
 - 16 Fear (5).
 - 18 Emperor of Russia (4).
 - 19 F.O. works (6).
 - 24 Itinerary (5).
 - 25 Rat for example (6).
 - 26 Midday (4).
 - 27 Loc (6).

- DOWN
- 1 Expectation and desire combined (4).
 - 2 Sling (4).
 - 3 Gam (4).
 - 4 Tell (6).
 - 5 Walls on (7).
 - 6 Soldier (7).
 - 7 Safe-keeping (7).
 - 10 Shy (5).
 - 13 Ready for use (7).
 - 14 Fainting (7).
 - 15 Diminished (7).
 - 17 Assured (5).
 - 18 Extreme fright (6).
 - 21 Hermaphrodite (4).
 - 22 French boy's name (4).
 - 23 Check (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Urge, 4 Editor, 9 Herald, 10 Merit, 12 Virtue, 14 Restore, 17 East, 19 Evicted, 20 Service, 22 Tree, 23 Trustee, 27 Arises, 28 Earns, 30 Sudden, 31 Madder, 32 Large. Down: 1 Usher, 2 Gurns, 3 Salvo, 5 Dami, 6 Threat, 7 Rotated, 9 Directs, 11 Elects, 13 Reverses, 15 Ever, 16 Tavern, 18 Sere, 20 Stream, 21 Ranted, 24 Usual, 25 Tudor, 26 Dunce, 28 Idle.



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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The TB Menace

TUBERCULOSIS in Hong Kong is on the increase. This disconcerting fact is all too plainly revealed in the annual report of the Anti-TB Association, which also notes the heavy mortality rate during last year. Moreover, the Association finds it impossible to strike any very optimistic note about the future outlook. "The continued overcrowded conditions must be considered a principal contributing factor in the increase," observes it.

To successfully continue its work, the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association needs \$800,000 to carry out the current programme.

GIVE THAT THEY MAY LIVE



SIREN LURE

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

COMET PROVES FINE ENVOY FOR BRITAIN

New York, Tuesday. AMERICAN aviation applauds de Havilland and congratulates the Comet. I was in the Wings Club in the Billmore Hotel the other evening and there was a group of Canadians and Americans there talking about little else than BOAC's flight to Johannesburg.

"You have to give it to the British—they are way ahead. Curious, with all their troubles and muddling they have managed to pull it off."

I was in the Little Cottage, a hang-out for flyers in 51st Street, the evening afterwards, and the pilots were concentrating more on the Comet than on their beer.

This spectacular commercial jet flight has done a lot more for British prestige than a dozen politicians' speeches. It is the best news from Britain for months. And no one is trying to take even half the credit from us.

My barber, who should be familiar to you by now, says: "I've always told you the British were wonderful engineers." (He never told me anything of the sort).

The Americans like winners and they love speed, so there is a fine Anglo-American glow hereabouts, at least, among aviation men.

I think the flight which made history and begins the jet age of passenger travel might have been given a little

more newspaper prominence here, but we cannot have everything.

There have been invidious comparisons, too, between the cleanliness of streets in New York and those in Europe.

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Our travel bureaux are working overtime, and cut-purses are hitting exactly the right note. If we don't make more dollars this year out of the tourist trade than ever before, I will give up forecasting.

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THERE have never been so many British motorists on American roads as now. There are hundreds of Austins, Hillmans, Sunbeam-Talbots, Rileys, and MG's about, and quite a few Jaguars, Bentleys, and Rolls-Royces on the avenues and highways of New York.

For years I have used American roads because they are big and fast and roomy and available. But this week I went along to a showroom, turned in my American passport, and departed in a British car. I feel almost ashamed to tell you that delivery was immediate. No waiting list, no restrictions, and nothing to sign but the cheque.

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The Man Who Invented The Bathing Beauty

From Leonard Mosley

Cannes, May 7. IT was a party that seemed to be making everyone happy except Mack Sennett, the man who invented bathing beauties and slapstick films. He arrived here from Hollywood this week.

The setting was Prince Aly Khan's magnificent Riviera villa (which looks rather like an off-white wedding cake) on the shores of the bay of Cannes. The occasion was a reception for the delegates to the International Film Festival. The sun was shining for the first time for two days, and the place was bobbing with the brown shoulders of half a hundred stars and starlets.

On the terrace, for instance, the girls who get all those long, low whistles from the critics when they appear in Italian films were giving yet another performance of the act they do best—sitting still in the minimum amount of clothing while other people look at them.

In the library, Gloria de Haven was listening avidly to the literary conversation which a handsome young Spanish actor was pouring into her ears. In the lounge, Yvonne de Carlo was alternating audience with bull-fighter Mario Cabré (who did not seem to be thinking of Ava Gardner), and Aly Khan (who had turned a picture of Rita Hayworth face down on the piano.)

William Holden was having a gay time with a sultry Greek star named Irene Papas until his wife came over and daily suggested he should detach himself and come back to Mama. Kay Walsh (whose performance in "Encore" is the hit of the Festival) was trying to prevent her eyes from popping out as she was introduced to a French film producer who had dyed his hair blue.

He Looked Sad

ONLY Mack Sennett looked sad. He glanced across at young Hollywood actress Michal Farmer playing on the beach with her dog. "A nice pretty girl," he said. "But then they are all nice pretty girls. The place is lousy with them. Look at that one over there." He pointed to a phenomenal physical odyssey to Italian film-goers as Gina Lollabrigada.

"Have you ever seen such a figure?—But would I have given her a job as one of my bathing beauties in the old days? Certainly not, when I had girls like Bebe Daniels to choose from instead—girls with something else besides curves to give to the public."

Mack Sennett thinks the trouble with the glamour type of film star these days is that she no longer knows how to project herself.

"Talking films have ruined the glamour star. She spends so much time trying to remember what she is supposed to say that she forgets to give to her public. My bathing beauties didn't need to talk. They gave us all we wanted without opening their mouths from inside themselves."

Better Covered

TAKE Gloria Swanson, who is now Michal Farmer's mother. When I made her into one of my bathing beauties and put her into a bathing costume for the first time, she was more completely covered than most women are nowadays when they go for a walk in winter. But there was glamour and personality sparkling from every pore of her body.

"We didn't need three dimensional films when Gloria was on the screen, nor with Mabel Normand or Pola Negri



The Master Today

is afraid he will not get a laugh. It is the oldest gag in the business, but everyone is now cowardly to attempt it now. They know that the longest moment in a comic's life is when he has to get up again after he has fallen flat on his face—and not sending the audience into hysterics.

We got back to bathing beauties again when a film girl in a black swimsuit came up to be introduced. "Now there is the third glamour girl I have seen today who has the qualities I would sign up for films," Mack Sennett said when she had gone. It was a shady judgment on her for it was Ulla Jacobsson, the 18-year-old Swede, whose nude love scene in the Swedish picture "One Summer" at the Festival—she has displayed great acting talent while wearing clothes too.

It was starting to get dark at Aly Khan's villa, and people were drifting back from the terrace into the library. Yvonne de Carlo was in there listening to the same words that earlier on were whispered into Aly Khan had turned the picture of Rita Hayworth right side up again on the piano, and was talking to William Marshall and Hollywood's newest French star, Micheline Presle.

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STAFF OF COMINFORM H.Q. MAY NOT LEAVE THEIR COMPOUND

From SEBASTIAN PRATT

Belgrade. A RAPID expansion at Cominform headquarters, Stalin's international organisation for controlling Communist Parties both sides of the Iron Curtain, has been carried out in recent months.

According to reliable information, the former palace in the once-swanky Velebit district of Belgrade which was taken over when the Cominform moved from Belgrade in 1948, now houses a staff of more than 1,200 Soviet and foreign Communists—almost double the number last year.

The palace, now prosaically known as No. 50, and its adjacent buildings are watched day and night by Russian M.V.D. (secret police) and plainclothes agents. Only top Soviet officials are allowed to go outside the compound. The remainder of the staff live completely isolated lives in two big palace blocks evacuated for their use, with schools, clinics, stores and cinemas for the exclusive use of themselves and their families.

Reasons for the expansion are believed here to be the hotting

up of Moscow's "peace offensive." For Stalin is determined at all costs to disrupt or slow down the Anglo-American drive to build West Europe's economic and military resources.

Soviet propaganda through the Cominform in Bucharest is now working high pressure along two main lines dictated by the Kremlin:

1. To delay and, if possible, thwart the integration of Western Germany into the Western security system (this appears to have first priority).

2. To put over Moscow's current line stressing the possibility of "peaceful co-existence" of the Western democracies and the Communist Eastern bloc.

The bosses are two Russians—Mikhail Suslov, one of Stalin's "young men" and joint secretary of the Soviet Central Committee, and Suslov's deputy on the spot, Pavel Judin.

When Suslov is not in Bucharest, Judin runs the show from the end of two private wires, one direct to the Kremlin and the other to the nearby Soviet Embassy.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Make Your Bidding A Powerful Weapon

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE annual Vanderbilt Cup Tournament, one of the country's best bridge players, in fact is a kibitzer at this tournament, awarding a cut around by the fact that he is a severe scratcher on at least a dozen well known bridge stars.

The team that wins the tournament this year will probably owe its victory to superior bidding. Most of the experts play about equally well, but there's a surprising difference in the way they bid.

Take the case of the hand shown today, for example. When it was played in the 1950 Vanderbilt Tournament, the East player in one room was guilty of a bidding crime.

He should have doubled six hearts to call for a club lead. Had he done

NORTH (D) 22			
♠A93			
♥Q8			
♦AK107632			
♣K87			
EAST			
♠10642			
♥1082			
♦A9765			
♣Q984			
SOUTH			
♠K87			
♥AK97643			
♦K			
♣5			
Both sides vul.			
North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	Pass
Opening lead—A♠			

so, he could have ruffed a club and then could have set the contract with the ace of diamonds.

When East failed to double, West decided against a club opening. West assumed that his partner could not ruff a club (since he had not doubled), so that a club lead would serve no good purpose.

Instead, West led a spade. Thereupon Johnny Crawford, playing the South hand, promptly took 12 tricks for a score of 1,400 points.

In the other room, Sam Stayman (one of Crawford's teammates) held the East cards and made it perfectly clear that he wanted a club lead. The bidding in that room was:

North	East	South	West
1♠	1♦	1♥	2♦
2♠	2♦	2♥	3♦
3♠	3♦	3♥	4♦
4♠	4♦	4♥	5♦
5♠	5♦	5♥	6♦
6♠	6♦	6♥	7♦
7♠	7♦	7♥	8♦

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"You beast! How can I forget how old I am if you keep remembering my birthdays?"

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

IF Dr Strabismus (whom God preserve) of Utrecht and C. Suet, Esq., had joined forces they could not have thought of a simpler way of increasing the chaos on the roads than the present method of setting up illegal crossings.

Apparently a motorist cannot be convicted if a pedestrian is knocked down on a zebra crossing on which one of the stripes is thin, under the regulation which states that a motorist must have a very keen eye in order to decide in a matter of seconds whether, at what is called a bell-mouth junction, half a stripe extending from the kerb to the first row of studs is less than half the width of the second row of stripes, and therefore, by changing the statutory regulations, or whether there are the statutory studs, or only 47.

Suet breaks short silence

C. Suet, Esq., said yesterday: "By declaring all zebra crossings illegal, the Government could have an end to the menace to motorists of the present craze for crossing streets. If all streets were painted throughout their entire length with zebra stripes pedestrians could not pretend that they had a right to cross at a junction. All children should be forced to attend schools on the side of the street on which they live."

Sol Hogwasch

An oily rumour is afoot that Sol Hogwasch is to make a film of Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

W. G. Grace's big toe

REVIEWING "A Bateman's Diary," by Timothy Shy, co-founder with the Allbright's Treacle Quarries Ltd., disposes, with a flick of the pen, of the absurd legend that W. G. Grace's big toe was visible during several Test matches. The Doctor was not a Montmartre ex-visionist, nor was he too poor to afford a sound pair of boots. He may have taken off his boots in the pavilion, but even so, "he always wore socks for important matches," according to old Mike Faraday, the famous umpire.

You never know

"She kicks if stout and eggs are not on the menu." (News Item.)

A WAY goes the head-walker, rubbing his shins ruefully, while her escort, fidgeting nervously with his tie, says: "Why don't you about some smoked salmon?"

But, no. Reading on, I find that "she" is a racehorse.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

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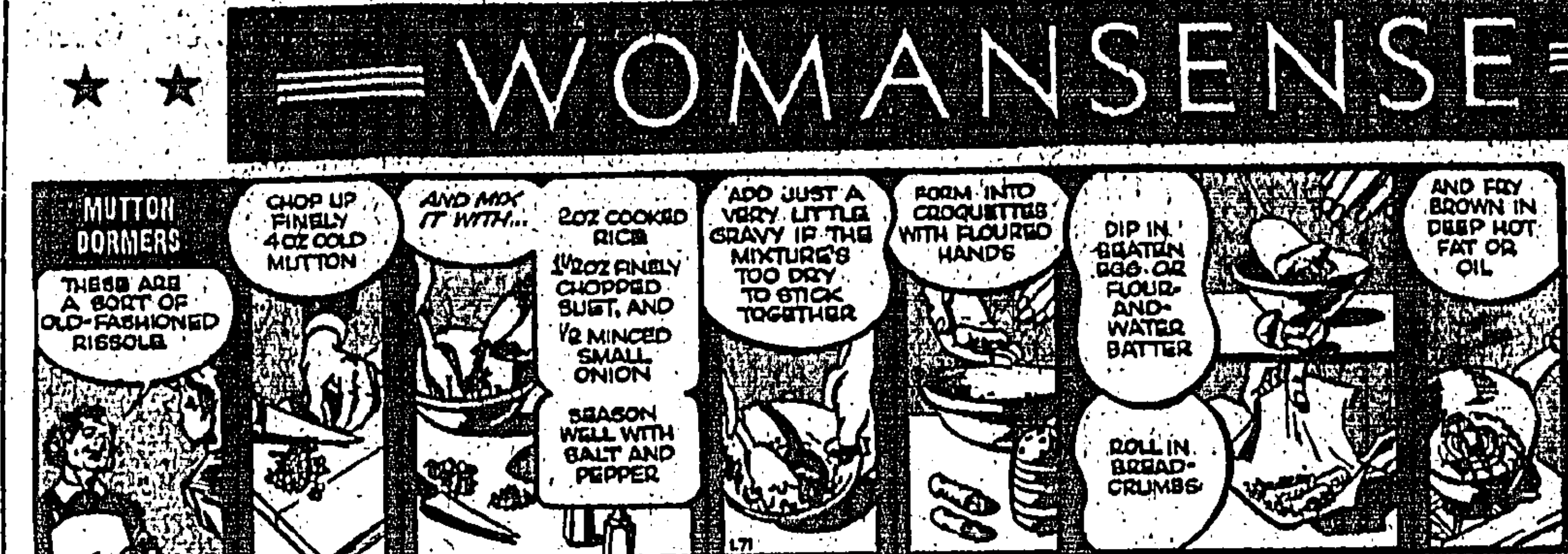
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Beach Belles

THERE'S nothing but absolutely nothing that points up a golden tan as does sparkling white. That's why a spanking white swim suit is generally a big item in the summer play wardrobe of the beach belle. White pique is used for this topless swim suit (below) brightened by a double parallel of buttons, the front section outlined in red and white gingham. The under foundation is lightly boned at the bust, and there is a self belt.



White pique swim suit.



Double duty play outfit.

A good choice for travel-light vacationers might well be this useful and attractive beach or play outfit, a bright three-in-one job. The one-piece swim (or sun suit) (above) is of white tuck-woven cotton lined in jersey. Strapless, with detachable halter strap for swimming, it has a fitted bodice and curved hip pockets. Over it goes a coat that can double as a dress when belted. It is of the same woven tuck cotton with a plain cotton collar and front band which is buttoned from neck to hem.

Buy Bacon To Flavour Foods

By ALICE DENHOFF

To the good cook, bacon is much more than the other half of a favourite breakfast dish. Delicious and nutritious, it brings its individual flavour to many a good dish.

Into the freezer for some brocoli or some asparagus, and then we do up a batch of Hollandaise sauce, and along with some crisp bacon we have a well-rounded luncheon or supper.

Hot Potato Salad

Then we use bacon for a Hot Potato Salad, that is a humdinger. For 6 servings, cook 5 to 6 medium potatoes (about 2 lbs.) then drain and peel. Cut in halves, then quarters and slice in 1/4-inch pieces. Place in 2-qt. casserole; add 1/2 c. diced celery and tsp. finely-chopped onion. Sprinkle with 2 tsp. salt.

Cut 4 slices bacon in pieces 1/2 of an inch. Cook slowly over low heat until crisp; remove from pan, and add to potatoes. Remove pan from heat.

Into the bacon-fat blend 2 tbsp. flour, 1/4 tsp. dry mustard, 3 tsp. sugar and tsp. salt. Add 1/2 c. each vinegar and water; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Pour over potatoes, mixing lightly with a fork. Let stand for one hour.

Place 12 slices of bacon on wire rack in shallow pan. Bake in shallow pan. Cover casserole and place with bacon in a moderate oven (375 F.) 20 mins.

Whole Kernel Corn

Separate 3 eggs and beat yolks until light. Mix in one pound of whole kernel corn, drained (1 1/2 c.), also 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 4 tsp. all-purpose flour or pancake mix.

Beat 3 egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold in corn mixture. Drop batter by spoon into 7 tbsp. hot, melted bacon fat in skillet. Cook to golden brown, turning only once.

Serve with crisp bacon and maple syrup, and a tossed salad.

Makes New Furniture Look Like Antiques

West Vancouver, B.C. Thomas W. Allwork is a young Englishman who spends weeks building a beautiful solid oak cabinet and then spends more weeks damaging it.

He perpetuates the craftsmanship of a by-gone age by changing new furniture into prized reproductions of 17th century antiques.

Allwork hurries the aging process by staining, bruising and gouging the surfaces of his creations. He likes to fool visitors to his shop.

"Take a look at these centuries-old foot stool," he will say, displaying a month-old stool.

Rungs on the stool are realistically worn as if by the sandaled feet of generations of monks.—United Press.

Lose Beauty Race By A Neck

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are women who lose out in the beauty race by a neck. The face is youthful and radiant, figure trim and neat, hands what they should be, feet also. But something has happened to that pillar that holds up the head!

There are little cross lines, maybe. Or up and down hollows. The explanation is simple enough. The neck has been on the side lines during the regular



A simple slapping treatment will keep the chin line firm. Fat neck with cotton that's been saturated in good quality witch hazel.

bedtime cosmetic feast. It gets no creaming or tugging such as the complexion receives. Just a soapy washing. Maybe no powdering with the result that between face and neck there is a colour divorce.

Restoring Youth

The trouble is that when a neck appears attractive, nobody looks after it. When it starts to age, nothing is done about it. The fact is that, with a few exercises every day and plenty of nourishing cream frictioned in the flesh, youthful appearance can be restored. But one must take the matter in hand immediately upon the first sign of sagging tissues.

The thing to do is to regard your neck seriously, especially if you are about to have forty candles on your birthday cake. When your neck goes back on you, no face, however pretty, can live it down.

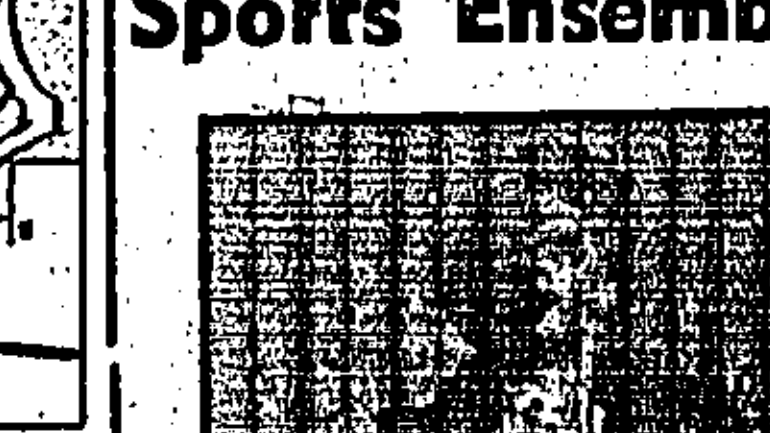
Some women fancy that a fat neck is terrible, but they have no idea how much worse is the scrawny neck, cursed with strings.

Heavy Cream

Take time by the cowlick. Keep your neck in form. Every night of your life, friction it well with a heavy cream that offers resistance to the movements of your fingertips. Rub up and down. Turn your head to the right and massage the left side, then do it the other way. Then pat face and neck with a piece of cotton that has been saturated in chilled good quality witch hazel.

Clasp your hands behind your head, right at the hairline. Pressing firmly into the flesh, turn your head from side to side. You will feel a strong muscle pull way down in your chest and in your shoulders. That will do the business. It will strengthen the fibres. An occasional ice-cold compress will help give tissues firmness.

Sports Ensemble



Giddap, the milk-wagon and the driver went flying along.

Giddap flapped them up and down and immediately started rising in the air, milk-wagon and all. "Whoa!" cried Mr. Merlin. "Don't fly yet! Wait until the driver comes back!"

"You mean I'm going to fly with HIM?" said Giddap. Just then Knarf spied the milk-wagon driver returning. Mr. Merlin and Knarf quickly hid behind a tall bush.

"Let him get in first," Mr. Merlin whispered to Giddap from behind the bush. "Don't start flying until he gets in!"

Giddap did exactly as he was told. The milk-wagon driver (who was pretty tired himself) got into the wagon without even noticing the wings on Giddap. Then he took up the reins and said: "Giddap, Giddap!"

Giddap flapped his wings! What a sight it was to see the milk-wagon wagon, and the milk-wagon driver, and all the bottles of milk go flying down the street!

"Well, nothing like magic!" said Mr. Merlin as they returned to the house. And Knarf had to agree!

A new sports ensemble designed by Pierre Balmain of Paris. It has a grey tweed skirt with a blue linen blouse and this tweed coat has a matching lining.

CHEERFUL WOMEN PAINTINGS PREFERRED

Sydney, Australia.

When it comes to taste in paintings, sick ex-servicemen least like pictures of women at work, the Red Cross art library here found.

The library has been circulating prints of well-known paintings in ex-servicemen's hospitals for the last three years.

The sick veterans not only reject paintings depicting women at work, the library re-

ports, but also paintings with sad and sorrowful women as the subject.

"They almost unanimously prefer romantic pictures of women, such as the one in Rossetti's 'Daydreams,' one library worker said.

Paintings of domestic scenes by early Dutch painters, such as 'The Fish Shop,' are also in great demand.

Extremely modern and controversial paintings interest war neurosis patients, who invariably

form discussion groups, the library worker said.

"Patients confined to bed for long periods become hyper-critical of details in a painting and anything suggesting physical disabilities tend to irritate them," the worker added.

The Red Cross Art Library is considered by its members to have immense value, not only from the cultural aspect, but as a form of healing therapy.—United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Giddap Gets Peggy's Wings

—Mr. Merlin Makes Magic for the Milk-Wagon Horse—

By MAX TRELL

"A H," said Mr. Merlin the magician, pointing out the window as the milk-wagon came down the street drawn by Giddap, the Milk Wagon Horse, "here comes our good old hard-working, four-footed friend!"

Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, who was looking out of the window beside Mr. Merlin, nodded his head. "Giddap certainly seems to be tired

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French Problem In Meeting Commitments

Paris, May 14.

The French Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, told the British and American press today that the losses sustained by France in Indo-China made it all the more difficult for her to meet her European commitments.

And No One Saw Number

London, May 14.

For 20 days a man drove round the South of England in a car with a number known to every policeman. But no one noticed it.

Mr. Leslie Gordon Ridge, 54-year-old master baker, of Tudorclose, Hove, Sussex, left one of his shops in Brighton, saying: "I'll be back in five minutes." He vanished and his wife reported him missing. Twenty days later in his car number JCD900—at Billingham, 30 miles away. He felt too ill to drive and telephoned some friends asking them to fetch him.

They told him: "You have been missing for 20 days." Said his wife: "The car had been driven a long way and was covered with mud. It is a clear case of loss of memory."

Admiral's New Appointment

London, May 14.

Sixty-one-year-old Admiral Sir John H. Edleston, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, served during the last war as Rear-Admiral (Destroyers) in the British Pacific Fleet.

Earlier he was Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (U-boats and

He stressed: "It is indispensable for all our Allies to be informed of sacrifices France has to meet. Irrespective of annual difficulties which can always be overcome, there are heavy sacrifices."

"In Indo-China, France is losing every year a number of officers and non-commissioned officers equivalent to the number of cadets who graduate every year from military schools. Such losses make all the more heavy and hard the obligations we must assume in the framework of our undertaking in Europe."

Asked about the Joint Franco-Tunisian Reform Commission, Mr. Pinay confirmed that it would be entrusted with discussing the implementation of the planned reforms and if the need be with moving amendments.

"We want to show our desire to bring in necessary reforms and not to crystallise our position under the text of a treaty which is already 80 years old."

"The new generations of Tunisia have been educated in French universities and they must take part in the country's administration. We recognise this evolution and the need for modifying in a way consistent with the progress of Franco-Tunisian relations." — France-Press.

Trade) during the Battle of the

Atlantic.

In 1940 he became Deputy Chief of Naval Staff in the United Kingdom and then for three years Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, until appointed to the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

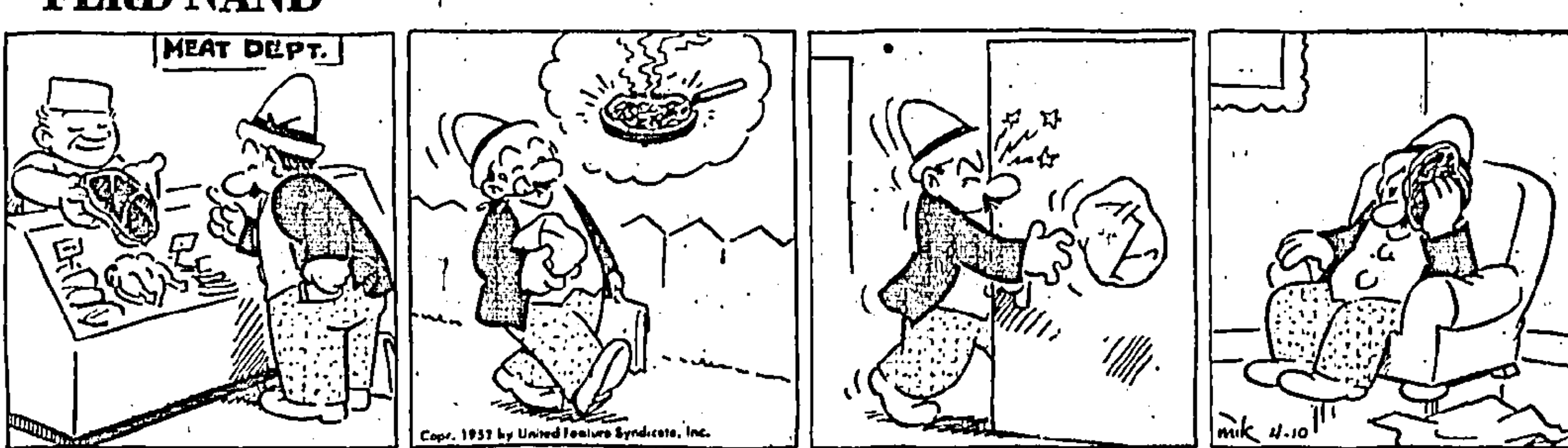
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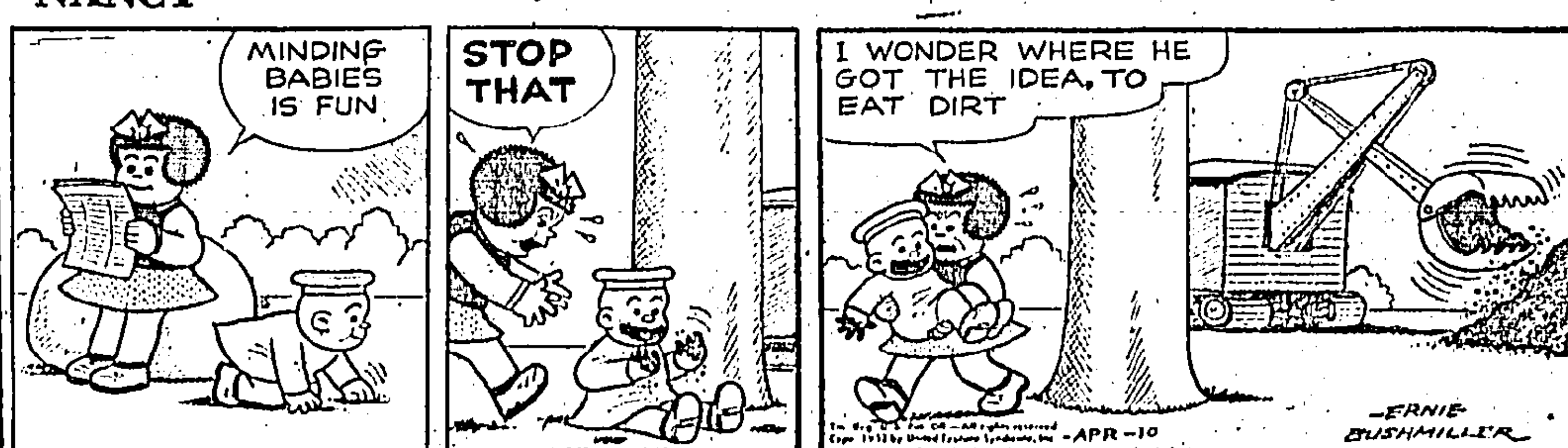
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Fare Reduced

London, May 14.

Mr. Norman Dodds, Socialist M.P. for Dartford, has had the bus fare for the first stage of his journey to the House of Commons reduced from 3d. to 2d.

He was "astounded and indignant," he said, when the fare went up last month from 1½d. to 3d.

He wrote to Lord Hurcomb, chairman of the Transport Commission, who told him the standard fare for one mile was 2d. Then he borrowed measuring chains and measured his journey in Dartford. It was 1,000 yds. "a good 100 yards less than a mile," he said.

A challenge to the Transport Commission to justify the increase was not taken up. But a letter from Lord Hurcomb said the fare would be cut.

Said Mr. Dodds: "There must be hundreds, possibly thousands, of people having money expended under false pretences this way."

Chinese Reds' Complaint

London, May 14.

A Chinese Communist, liaison officer complained to his American opposite number today that American military planes violated the Keesing neutral zone today, firing machine-guns and dropping flares, the New China News Agency reported.

The planes opened fire with machine-guns and dropped many flares, Colonel Chai Chien-wei, liaison officer for the Chinese and North Koreans, told the chief American liaison officer, Colonel Kinney, the report said.

In response to Colonel Chai's demand that the make up a "joint investigation," Colonel Kinney agreed to take part in a joint probe at 1430 hours today, the news agency said.—Reuter.

